ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SEVERETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Zion Church, Monroe Co., Ala.,

September 22 and 24, 1883.

OFFICERS:

ELDER B. J. SKINNER - Moderator, - Burnt Corn, Ala. THOS. S. WIGGINS, - - Clerk, - - Monroeville, " THOS. J. EMMONS, - - - Treasurer, - - "

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MINUTES

OF THE

Bethlehem Baptist Association.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Session of the BETHLEHEM BAP-TIST ASSOCIATION met pursuant to adjournment with the Zion church, in Monroe county, on Saturday, September 22nd, 1883.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. G. Curry, of the Pine Barren Association, at 11 o'clock A. M., after which a recess of one hour was taken.

On assembling again in the afternoon, the Moderator, Bro. A. I. Robinson, announced, as first in the order of business, the reading of letters from the churches, and, for that purpose, appointed Brethren W. G. Curry, J. W. Leslie, and B. F. Riley.

An election for officers for the ensuing year was then ordered, and Brethren W. G. Curry and P. N. Bruner were appointed as tellers of the election. Before the election was proceeded with, the Moderator requested that he be not nominated for re-election. Elder B. J. Skinner was elected Moderator; Thos. S. Wiggins, Clerk; and Thomas J. Emmons, Treasurer.

The newly elected Moderator then took the chair, and the usual order of business was adopted.

The following churches were represented by their delegates, to-wit:

Claiborne-M. D. Lambert, Thomas Newberry, and J. M. Thompson.

Enon-S. W. Jones and N. A. McNeal.

Montgomery Hill—A. J. Lambert and T. P. Atkinson. Monroeville—J. W. Leslie, T. J. Emmons, J. De Loach, and T. S. Wiggins,

Philadelphia--W. A. Lock, W. B. Kemp, W. T. Nettles, and J. Sawyer, Pleasant Hill-J. H. Moore, B. Hale, and Monroe Stacey,

Pleasant Ridge-George Roley, James L. Smith, J. S. Buford, and W. Biggs

Poplar Springs-Thomas Dees and David De Wise.

Salem-W. J. Newberry, W. D. Fountain, E. H. Atkinson, and J. H. Brown.

Zion-J. McWilliams, W. A. Fountain, William Rikard, and W. D. Mc-Williams.

Ankadelphia—J. H. Higdon, S. L. Stoke, George Lee, and A. H. Stoke.
Bellville—C. D. Gully, William Kyser, J. E. Hardy, and J. Straughn.
Bethany—B. Shirley, Thomas Morton, and B. J. Skinner.
Brownsville—J. B. Griffin, J. Wesley Brown, and Z. T. James.
Catawba Springs--Mathew Crosby and J. J. Jackson.
Castleberry—James D. Burnett and John M. Fickling.
Oline Parab.

Claineberry Junes Junes M. Huston and Thomas J. Ray. Pilgrims Rest—W B. Loveless and J. E. Deer, Fairfield—T. B. McMillan, T. J. McMillan, and W. W. Johnson, Ramah—J. H. Raines and T. H. Raines.

Antioch-L, B. Cohran and A. J. Stanford.

Brooklyn—I. A. White, A. J. Robinson, and C. A. Thames. Brushy Creek—H. H. Shell and M. F. Fail.

Evergreen—B. H. Crumpton, B. F. Riley, J. T. Fincher, and Y. M. Rabb. Georgiana—P. M. Smith.

Midway-John Hardee, J. J. Pipkins, and B. T. Higdon.

New Prospect-M. F. Gamble, J. D. Bryan, and L. G. Wommack.

Old Town-I. Spence, W. M. Lane, and A. S. Hudson.

Long Branch-J. P. Purnal.

Sepulga-J. A. Hyde.

New Hope—M. A. Lane, F. M. Cook, W. Thames, and M. E. Cooper. Mars Hill—Alex Boone and David Richardson.

Mamilton Hill-Charley Hixon and T. J. Busey.

Bethesda-W. C. Cumbie and J. W. Murphy.

The following corresponding messengers were received, to-wit:

From the Pine Barren Association-Elders P. J. Cree, W. G. Curry, J. F. Deer, and Bro. P. C. Riley.

From the Elim Association-Elder J. G. McCaskey.

Bro, B. F. Riley was recognized as a representative of THE ALABAMA BAPTIST and Bro. W. G. Curry as a representative of the State Mission Board.

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

The pastor and deacons of the Zion church were appointed a committee to arrange the order of preaching for to-morrow, Sabbath.

An invitation was extended to the visiting brethren of the ministry to seats with us.

FINANCE.

Brethren W. B. Kemp, J. T. Fincher, and Y. M. Rabb were appointed a Committee on Finance.

THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Brethren I. Spence, J. M. Thompson, J. E. Deer, James Straughn, and S. W. Jones were appointed a Committee on the State of Religion.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Brethren A. J. Lambert, Wm. Kyser, and James L. Smith were appointed a Committee on Queries and Requests.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Elder B. H. Crumpton and Brethren W. T. Nettles and A. J. Robinson were appointed a Committee on Ministerial Education.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and a Committee on Denominational Education was appointed, consisting of Elders B. F. Riley, I. A. White, and Bro. Wm. Loveless.

Petitionary letters were received from Hamilton Hill and Bethesda churches asking to be received as members of the Association, which was granted, and they were so received.

Grove Dale church also presented a letter, which was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Brethren Y. M. Rabb, J. W. Leslie, Thomas Morton, and Elder A. J. Lambert.

The Committee on Preaching made their report, which was adopted, and arranged for Bro. B. F. Riley to preach at the arbor and Bro. W. G. Curry to preach at the church in the forenoon; in the afternoon, Bro. B. J. Skinner at the church.

Bro. Jehn Holly being the only member present of the Committee on Missions appointed at the last session of this body, on motion, two additional names were added to the Committee, to-wit: Elders R. I. Draughon and J. L. Eddins.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read, and after being discussed by Brethren B. F. Riley, R. I. Draughon, I. A. White, Y. M. Rabb, J. McWilliams, and J. G. McCaskey, was adopted.

The report is as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools, appointed at your last session, report with pleasure a steady increase of interest in this work in some parts of our Association; but regret that this is not the case generally. In many of our churches, there seems to be a total want of interest in and appreciation of our solemn obligations to God in this field of labor; and we fear that among the causes of this culpable indifference, a want of interest and activity in the work on the part of our ministers, may not be the least. As a rule, the churches must be led in this work, and who can better do this than the pastors? In our last report, we had forty-one churches and only fifteen Sunday Schools, while of this number, Conecuh county, alone, had seven schools with a membership of three hundred and thirty-nine, besides seven union schools with three hundred and forty-two scholars, half of which, we will say, are Baptists; making a total of five hundred and ten scholars in this county alone-more than half in the Association by fifty-nine. We trust you will give submitted, which its importance demands. Respectfully submitted, JNO. W. LESLIE, W. R. SAWYER, I. A. WHITE, Association by fifty-nine. We trust you will give the subject that consideration

Committee.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to appoint a committee in vacation, with Bro. B. H. Crumpton as chairman, on Deceased Ministers, to make their report also in vacation.

A committee was also appointed to consider and report upon the time of the annual meeting of this Association, to-wit: Brethren Y. M. Rabb, B. F. Riley, and W. H. Fountain.

The Association then adjourned to 9:30 Monday morning.

On Sabbath at 11 o'clock A. M., Elder B. F. Riley preached at the arbor and Elder W. G. Curry at the church to large assemblies, after which a collection was taken up for missions amounting to \$31.95. Elders B. J. Skinner and ______ preached in the afternoon, and I. A. White preached at night.

MONDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.

The session again met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing, and prayer by Bro. B. H. Crumpton, was called to order.

The minutes of Saturday were read, corrected, and adopted.

The Committee on Missions made their report, and, at the same time, a minority report was submitted; and after considerable discussion, the subject was recommitted.

The Committee then submitted the following report, which was adopted, to-wit:

MISSIONS.

Never in the history of the world was the spirit of missions more widespread and deep, than at the present time. More and more the people of God are becoming interested in supplying destitute fields with the Gospel, and as a result, its effects are becoming more and more marked. At the beginning of the present century, there were not more than 50,000 converted heathen in all lands; to-day, there are not less than two millions. The work with which we have directly to do, is, for the sake of convenience, divided into Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and State Aiissions. It is gratifying to report that all of these Boards are generally in a flourishing condition. We have foreign missionaries in Africa, Liberia, Italy, South America, and Mexico. The Home Board occupies as its field of operation all the waste places of the South, New Orleans, the western frontier, the territory occupied by the Indians, and the Chinese upon the Pacific slope. Under the efficient management of Dr. Tichenor, as Secretary of the Home Board, new enterprises are being inaugurated, and the work is steadily prospering. A new department has recently been created, known as the Church Building Department, which has been placed under Dr. Nunnally, a most vigorous and energetic worker.

With State Missions we are familiar. It proposes to labor for the evangelization of Alabama. Its record, though brief, is a brilliant one. To the extent of its facilities, it is energetically prosecuting its work in other regions; yet in our particular section and within our limits, it does not seem to be reaching and supplying the destitution; and there is some confusion and, perhaps, conflict with the Board in regard to the precise field of the evangelist and the collection and disbursement of funds. In view of this, we recommend to the Association, either to surrender and turn over to the Board the entire matter, or withdraw it from the Board and resume the employment of its own evangelist in its own way, and offer the following resolution: 5

Resolved, That while the Bethlehem Association are, and desire to continue in sympathy with the State Mission Board, yet we recognize the fact of a felt and expressed necessity of some change of policy, and do, herein and now, affectionately request the Board to take the matter under consideration, and see if the necessary change can be made.

ROBERT I. DRAUGHON, JEHU HOLLY.

The report of the Committee to whom was referred the petitionary letter of Grove Dale church, was adopted, and is as follows:

GROVE DALE CHURCH.

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the petitionary letter of Grove Dale church for membership in our body, beg leave to report as follows:

Ist. The material proposed to have been organized may be such as would be received by this body, if the organization or constitution had been by an orderly and competent Presbytery, and, on this account, these brethren have our Christian sympathy.

2nd. This body could not remain within the bounds of Christain consistency, or preserve the integrity of its membership, if it should receive any of the acts purporting to be official of John D. Beck, in his present disordered condition with the Pensacola church. Therefore, we recommend the rejection of the petition. V. M. RABB,

V. M. RABB, J. W. LESLIE, THOMAS MORTON, A. J. LAMBERT.

The following resolution in relation to Grove Dale church was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee to confer with Rev. John D. Beck and the Grove Dale church in conference, to ascertain what can be done in reference to their union with this Association.

For this purpose, the following committee was appointed, to-wit:

B. H. Crumpton, J. W. Leslie, and J. E. Bell.

The Committee on Denominational Education submitted their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of Denominational Education report :

More than ever before, the subject of Education is engaging the attention of a thoughtful public. Divers means are being suggested for the removal of the widespread illiteracy which prevails throughout this broad land of States. Advanced steps have been taken, both in state and national legislation, toward vast appropriations for the removal of existing ignorance. But Christianity, recognizing in education such a potent factor, is not willing to surrender its maintenance into the hands of the State. Hence the existence of denominational institutions. More and more the claims of denominational education are being pressed to the front. And such have been the wholesome influences springing from it, that the different Christian denominations have been encouraged to foster it yet more and more. While other than denominational colleges may not inculcate error, there is no safeguard against it in such; whereas, a strictly denominational institution is presupposed to provide against it by the erection of moral safeguards. This is the pronounced purpose of institutions fostered directly under the influences of Christianity, and the histories of such show conclusively that their claims in that direction have been vindicated.

Controlled by this purpose, which is coupled to a corresponding purpose to use the great agent of education in the preservation and perpetuation of our principles, the Baptist denomination has established institutions of learning wherever it has been able. Those which address themselves to our consideration are the Howard College and the Judson Female Institute, at Marion, the Central Female College at Tuskaloosa and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. These are all Baptist, colleges, the claims of which are being constantly pressed upon us.

The Howard has established a reputation which places it in the van rank of literary institutions in the land. With a superb property, a most proficient faculty, a most thorough course of instruction and the highest moral influences thrown around the students who go there, the Howard has special claims upon our patronage, our contributions and our prayers. Notwithstanding its competitors for public patronage are heavily endowed institutions, Howard College is able to cope with them in the inducements offered.

The Judson is an old and cherished institution, reared by the fathers of the past for the education of girls; and the brilli int record which it has made, guarantees to it a character secured to no other female college in the South.

The Central Female College is virtually a Baptist institution, having been placed for an unlimited period of time by legislative enactment directly under Baptist auspices. Situated in a section of the State favorable to healthfulness, and surrounded by the most elevating influences, social and moral, it offers peculiar inducements to Baptist parents.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., is our own loved school of the prophets. After a severe struggle of a quarter of a century, it has at length reached a successful issue. To-day it offers thheological training second to none that can be afforded by any other similar institution in the world. It is doing more to lift our denomination into the permanent place which it deserves to hold, than any other agency under the control of the Baptist denomination.

These four institutions are emphatically *ours*, and as such they have peculiar claims upon us as representatives of the great Baptist denomination.

B. F. RILEY, Chm'n.

The report on Temperance was submitted and adopted, viz :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It is particularly gratifying to note the rapid strides being made in the suppression of the whisky traffic. This country has never seen a greater revolution than that created by this subject. The discussion awakened by this matter has developed the fearful ravages of strong drink, and these alarning facts are constantly winning new accessions to the party seeking its utter suppression. Great bodies of men, ecclesiastical and legal, are speaking out in no uncertain sound against it. Entire States have incorporated prohibitory clauses in their Constitutions, and others still are moving in the same direction. It gives us great pleasure to note the steady growth of temperance principles in our own State, and we arge the necessity of all the members of the churches composing this Association, in the name of the cause of our Master, to plant themselves fully in sympathy with this great progressive movement.

Respectfully submitted,

I. SPENCE.

The following committees were appointed to report at the next session of this Association, to-wit;

On Missions-B. H. Crumpton, C. D. Gully, W. A. Lock, A. J. Robinson and J. M. Fickling.

On Temperance—Jno. M. Thompson, Thos. B. McMillan, I. Spence, J. M. Gillespie and J. Holly.

The Committee on Ministerial Education submitted the following report, which was adopted:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This subject has been claiming the attention of our denomination for years past, and, in the main, has gained ground upon the confidence and support of the brotherhood; yet, like every other subject of importance, it can never be exhausted, and probably never will be universally accepted among our people. However, it is the opinion of your committee that there is less objection to education of ministers than to the method and degree. Hitherto there have been but quite limited and spasmodic efforts or methods for the acco.nplishment of this important work. These plans were by no means failures; they accomplished good for the time, and were an apparent necessity, but the demands of the sitution gave birth at the recent State Convention to the inauguration of a broader system, and possibly a more permanent one.

In order to promote ministerial education more effectually, an Educational Board has been created by our Convention, of which Rev. E. B. Teague is President and Rev. E. J. Forrester, Secretary. A large amount of money was raised at the late Convention for this purpose, amounting to eighteen hundred dollars. It is designed in the appointment of said Board to raise more for the same purpose, and to examine applicants for education. This Board is composed of men of deep piety and acknowledged ability, to whom we can with safety entrust an important interest. It was contemplated by the Convention, that every applicant should be endorsed by his church or association, so as to insure no more waste of funds than was absolutely unavoidable. The best we can do will be, as with all similar enterprises, to co-operate with the Board. It seems that there is progress in this direction, and we hall the fact with delight. "Study to show thyself approved of God," etc., indicates clearly the impor-

"Study to show thyself approved of God," etc., indicates clearly the importance of an acquisition of knowledge. A literary education is but a mental preparation for study. It is ours to encourage and support this enterprise. Will we do so?

The Committee regret their inability, because of the illness of the Chairman, to offer a fuller and more practical report. B. H. CRUMPTON, Chm'n.

The following report on the State of Religion was submitted and adopted:

STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in the churches, beg leave to report :

From the reading of the letters, we find that some of the churches have enjoyed precious revivals, perhaps some increase in baptisms; also, a slight increase, we are sorry to say, in the Sabbath School work. We are glad to state that there has been some increase of contributions to Missions, and your committee urge and beg that we, as a body, come up more liberally in support of our Master's work. Respectfully submitted, I. SPENCE.

The report on Queries and Requests was submitted, and, after considerable discussion and several amendments, was adopted as follows:

QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Queries and Requests, respectfully report, that we find requests before this body from three of the churches, to-wit: Bellville, Bethany and Pilgrims' Rest, each asking that the next session of this body be held with it. We recommend that the next annual session of this Association be held with the Bethany church.

We also find from the Long Branch Church the following query:

" Is it right to keep in your organization a church or churches who tolerate or retain in their fellowship members who are engaged in trafficking in ardent spirits?" We answer, "No; in our opinion, it is not right."

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. LAMBERT, Chm'n.

The committee to whom was referred the proposition to change the time of the annual meetings of this Association, reported that, after the consideration of the matter, they did not think such a change advisable.

The Finance Committee submitted their report, which was adopted, viz:

REPORT ON FINANCE.								
CHURCHES.		State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Aged and Infirm Min.	Minutes.	Alex Travis Col. Fund.	
FIRST DISTRICT. SECOND DISTRICT. THIRD DISTRICT.	Cl iborne. Enon Salem. Pleasant Hill. Pleasant Ridge. Poplar Springs. Philadelphia. Monroeville. Montgomery Hill. Hamilton Hill. Zion. Arkadelphia Bellville. Catawba Springs. Pilgrims' Kest. Bethany Olive Branch. Ramah. Fairfield Mars Hill. Castleberry. Brownsville. Antioch. Brooklyn. New Hope. Brushy Creek. Long Branch. Georgiana. Sepulga. Old Town Midway. New Prospect. Bethesda Evergreen. Grove Dale.	20 70 5 00 1 50 1 2 50 30 00 5 30 5 30 5 30 5 30 5 30 1 2 50 3 00 1 2 50 3 00 1 2 50 3 00 1 3 25 5 00 1 0 00 6 00 5 5 00 1 1 60 6 00 4 50 1 0 00 4 50 1 0 00 4 50 5 00 1 5 00 1 0 00 6 00 5 2 5 5 00 1 2 50 3 00 5 00 1 2 50 3 00 5 00 1 2 50 3 00 5 00 1 2 50 3 00 5 00 1 0 00 6 00 1 0 00 6 00 1 0 00 6 00 1 1 0 00 6 00 1 0 00 0 0 00 1 0 00 0 00 1 0 00 0 000000	I t IO I 00 6 05 2 00 5 00 2 50 2 30 2 30 2 00 2 00 2 00 2 00	+ 00 6 05 2 00 5 00 	I 00	I 05 I 45 2 00 I 00 50 2 00 75 I 35 I 50 I 50 50 4 00		
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W. B. KEMP, Chm'n.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the apportionment for Missions adopted at the last session of this Association, be adopted without change for the coming year.

Elder B. H. Crumpton was selected to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next annual session of this body.

Resolved, That the Sabbath collections, amounting to \$31.95, be equally divided between the three Mission Boards, State, Home and Foreign.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to forward the amounts in his hands for Foreign and Home Missions immediately, and hold the amount on hand for State Missions until he correspond with the Secretary of the Board and ascertain what amount is still due Rev. J. F. Bruner, our evangelist, and secure an order for payment of same at as early a day as possible.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes, and be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THOS. J. EMMONS, Treasurer,

In account with Bethlehem Baptist Association:

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To amount	cash from Finance Committe\$221	65
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Cash on hand to be disposed of as follows..... \$203 00 To State Board for Home Missions.....\$ 10 65 Foreign 10 65 For State Missions and other purposes subject to order of Board 181 70-\$203 00

T. J. EMMONS, Treas.

The following messengers were appointed, to-wit:

To Pine Barren Association-Elders B. H. Crumpton, B. J. Skinner and I. Holly.

To Elim Association-Elders S. W. Jones, * J. E. Decr, I. Spence, and Brethren Y. M. Rabb and S. W. Loveless. To Zion Association—Eld. I. Spence and Bro. A. J. Robinson. To the State Convention—Elders I. A. White, B. H. Crumpton, B. F.

Riley, B. J. Skinner, S. W. Jones, I. Spence and Bro. A. J. Robinson. Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the Zion

Church and the citizens of this community for their hospitality during our stay with them,

The following is the report of the Committee on

DECEASED MINISTERS;

It becomes a painful necessity to record the death of two of our most worthy and useful ministers. The decease of all men is inevitable, and our ministry is not exempt from its shaft, yet it is certainly a loss to the church and the world when faithful ministers of the Gospel fall.

REV. Z. A OWENS,

of Pensacola, one of the most humble, unassuming, conscientious and self-sacrificing men on earth, fell, last October, a victim to that dreadful and dreaded disease, yellow fever. He was absent from the city for his health when he heard of the fever in Pensacola. Being a single man, and devoted to his flock, he flew to the scene of danger. After nearly two months of faithful work nursing the sick and burying the dead, he had himself to succumb. He stood like an adamantine pillar until heat sufficient to melt granite came, and then, like one in the furnace, he yielded to the inevitable. We have lost a gentleman, a Christian and a worker. The Pensacola Church must have doubled its membership within six months after he entered upon his work at that place.

REV. ANDREW JAY,

a name which, from our long knowledge of and association with him, has become a household word, under most painful and unpleasant circumstances, was cut off from the stage of action in the month of July. He was killed by a falling limb off a tree. He died in the sixty-fourth year of his age. He was baptized by Rev. Alexander Travis in 1849, and nine years later, was ordained to the work of the ministry. He was, for several years successively, the cherished Moderator of Bethlehem Association. He served numbers of churches within the bounds of the Association at different times during his life, and was one year the evangelist of the Zion Association. Bro. Jay was a man of decided conviction, and hence as firm as a rock in every sentiment he imbibed. He seemed always open to argument, and was as fair in debate as any man could be. He was thoroughly a Baptist, yet possessed of no spirit of overbearance. His life might have been one of more usefulness, could he have entirely disengaged himself from secular business; but, withal, he was a useful man, and his sun has set to rise in the radiant glory of immortality in the resurrection morn. It is with pain we say to these brethren, Farewell! Our separation is only temporary; they are now working in the church above, and we in the church below. Peace to their ashes and a blessing to their memory.

> B. H. CRUMPTON, A. J. ROBINSON, Y. M. RABE, I. W. LESLIE,

The Association adjourned to meet with the Bethany Church in Monroe County, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1884. B. J. SKINNER, MODERATOR. THOS. S. WIGGINS, CLERK.

New Hope Mars Hill. Sepulga *Bethel *Beulah *Pensacola..... Pleasant Hill.... Enon. CHURCHES *Union. Long Branch Old Town. New Prospect Fairfield..... Olive Branch.... *Cedar Creek... Catawba Springs Arkadelphia Salem ... Poplar Springs... Claiborne Hamilton Hill Bethesda Brooklyn Antioch Pilgrims' Rest. Monroeville Montgomery Hill Bethany. Point Pleasant. Johnsonville Damascus Little River Monroeville. Perdue Hill. Perdue Hill. Sepuiga. Jayvilla... Riley.... Gravella..... Castleberry Gravella.... POST OFFICES Sepulga Williams' Station. Brewton.... Pensacola, Fla... Castleberry.... Pollard.... Burnt Corn.... Bellville.... Herbert... Herbert Evergreen Georgiana Brooklyn... Bolling.... Ircland.... Burnt Corn.... Brewton.. Bellville.... Monroeville Perdue Hill Perdue Hill Perdue Hill Wm. H RH H John James M. Sims. George Carnathan L. B. Cohron Jno. P. Watkins Z. T. James.... =0- \geq Mun. John Del.oach J. D. Nettles. \mathbb{Z} J. M. Thompson. Jas. M. Gallespie $\exists^{\mathbb{E}}\mathbb{H}$ F. Johnson., B. McMillan Straughn R. Farnham. R. Ramey C. Cumbie \mathbb{Z} A h C. McWilliams John McWilliams, H. Stokes..... Jno. H. Higdon... H. Atkinson. CLERKS Murphy., Mathews. Flyde.... B. Long. . Simmons Long. M. Rabb House A. Johnson. Moore. Boone . Lane Gamble Hardee Raines... Thames. . Smith B. H. Crumpton J. E. Bell. Jno. H. Higdon. . B. J. Skinner.... ほほと J. Holly J. F. Bell... Jehu Holly... J. M. Wood. J. F. Bruner. I. A. White. H. G. W. A. Lock 11. Spence L. Taylor L. Eddins. A J. Lambert. J. Lambert. J. Lambert A. Lock. J. Lambert . Skinner. Skinner Sims B. Ray ... G. R. Farnham... Jas. M. Sims.... Union School.. J. B. Colley Thos. A. Nettles SUPERINTENDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL. Jno. R. Chandler N. A. McNeal Thos Kyser..... Jas. Travis...... Union School. Juo. M. Thompson W. Lang. A. White. A. A. Rabb Baptized 4 ωÏ 267 H 4 4 Rec'd by Letter IC Restored 7 50 Excluded by Letter 'sid N 9 00 0 равиара(1 H 601 No. of Members. 24 20 ... Av. S.S. Att'dance 15 4 .. 90 2-4 500 00 40 2-4 300 00 Sab. of Meeting. 50 00. 5, 00. New church . . New church . . OF PASTOR 43 40 00..... 75 00..... 1. 1.

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